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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/549,307	Applicant(s) PROTZE, CARSTEN	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's request of rejoinder of 08/26/2008 is acknowledged.

This is not found persuasive because the Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use.

The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (II) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (I) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h).

3. In the instant case a linear drive can be operate with one movable part and abase and also the method for operation of a magnetic device can be used for any electromechanical machine with one or tow movable parts.

4. Restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper because all these inventions listed in this action are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious search and examination burden if restriction were not required because one or more of the following reasons apply:

(a) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification;

(b) the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter;

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 09/16/2005.
2. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.

Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5 are under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Putt US patent 4,340,846.

Regarding claim 1, Putt US patent'46 discloses a magnetic apparatus for linear drive comprising a base (2,4, See Fig. 1) and a first movable part (8), which can be moved along an axis, wherein a first magnetic force effect for movement of the first movable part is produced between the base and the first movable part, and a second magnetic force effect for movement of a second movable (10) part is produced between the first movable part and the second movable part, which can be moved along the axis,

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wherein the second movable part is mounted such that it can move on the first movable part (see column 3 ,lines 9-34).

5. Regarding claim 2 ,Putt US patent'46 discloses a magnetic apparatus for linear drive a first and a second permanent magnet (8,10, see column 5, line 46-55) .

6. Regarding claim 3 ,Putt US patent'46 discloses a magnetic apparatus for linear drive further comprising field windings (14, see Fig. 1) arranged at a fixed angle with respect to the first movable part.

7. Regarding claim 4 ,Putt US patent'46 discloses a magnetic apparatus for linear drive wherein the second movable part is a plunger-type armature (14 see Fig.1).

8. Regarding claim 5 ,Putt US patent'46 discloses a magnetic apparatus for linear drive, wherein each of the movable parts has an associated field winding (8,14).

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to IRAJ A. MOHANDESI whose telephone number is (571)272-2028. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on 571-272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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